

Your Favourite London Sounds

1. Big Ben [0:51] *London's most famous sound is broadcast to the world daily from a microphone high in the tower. This is how it sounds from the street level.*
2. London Bridge station [2:07]
3. Brixton station [1:49]
4. "Mind the Gap," Bank Underground station [0:49]
5. The Bank of England, 1.00am [1:36] *A city back alley, the 'chinks' are ropes blowing against a flagpole.*
6. Blackbird dawn chorus, 4.00am in May [2:05] *The blackbird is London's commonest bird. So much so that on occasions it is virtually the only species singing. The sound reverberates up and down the street which gives a particularly urban feel.*
7. Brick Lane [1:51] *Heart of London's Bangladeshi community.*
8. Bagel shop, Brick Lane [1:22] *Open 24 hours a day, this is one of London's favourite night stops.*
9. The bell on the 73 bus [0:25]
10. Bus pressure [1:00]
11. Butlers Wharf: Thames Sounds [2:01] *The River Thames is surprisingly quiet and one has to search for its sounds. There are slurps under the overhang of the wharf; and squeaky barges rising and falling on the swell.*
12. Canal towpath stones [0:35] *Along London's canal towpaths are areas of loose concrete slabs which rock musically when cycled over.*
13. Club queue, Hoxton [1:47]
14. Coffee, Soho [1:39]
15. Dalston Market [1:29]
16. Deptford Market [2:09] *Sounds of the market packing up around 4.30pm.*
17. Deptford Grid electricity sub-station [2:20] *Charles Hayward explains.*
18. Regent's Park to Oxford Circus [5:00] *Underground journey on the Bakerloo Line.*
19. Escalator, King's Cross underground station [0:40]
20. Euston main line railway station [1:21]

21. Slamming doors, Victoria Station [1:36] *A sound fast disappearing from London's soundscape.*
22. Evening birds in Abney Park Cemetery, early May [1:59] *Species heard are Song Thrush, Blackbird, Robin and Wood Pigeons.*
23. Michelle's phone message [0:58]
24. Fountain in Victoria Park, 1.00am [1:25] *With honking Canada Geese.*
25. The Great Court of the British Museum [2:09]
26. Helicopter/East London mosque [5:51] *The Muslim call to prayer is a recent addition to London's soundscape. Situated in Whitechapel the East London mosque is very close to the city heliport.*
27. Key in door [0:36]
28. Onions frying in my flat [1:10]
29. Post through letterbox [1:20]
30. Nightingale-hum [0:56] *A unique outer London sound combination, Europe's most spectacular bird song against the all pervasive high voltage substation hum.*
31. London thunder [4:09]
32. Rain on skylight while lying in bed [1:31]
33. Bleeps at the supermarket checkout [0:46]
34. Tottenham Hotspurs football club, White Hart Lane [2:25] *Through the turnstiles.*
35. St James's Park: two species of baby [0:59] *Two human infants imitate a very young coot chick screeching to be fed.*
36. Under the flyover, Hackney Wick [1:06]
37. Taxis waiting at Euston Station [0:59]
38. LRT Transformer, Putney [1:40] *Part of the underground's electricity supply, the hum varies in tone with the changing current drawn by passing trains.*
39. Swifts over Stoke Newington [0:54] *Swifts, screaming around the rooftops, are a definite summer sound and mark up spaces upwards and outward in a way that few others do. The knowledge that these birds migrate thousands of miles to the warmth of Africa makes it, for me, a sound that connects London to the world outside.*
40. 16th floor up [3:25] *London from near the top of a tower block, Holloway Road, on a dump evening.*